

9.7B. REMOTE ACCESS ELECTRONIC RESOURCES THAT ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE¹

LC/PCC practice

Original URI no longer active

When it is determined that a remote access electronic resource is no longer available² at the Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) recorded in field 856 \$u, do the following:

1) Use Internet search engine(s) to determine if the resource described in the record is now available at a different URI. If found, update the record to reflect the new URI.

2) If searching indicates that the resource is no longer available, create a note to reflect this fact by changing subfield \$u in field 856 to subfield \$z and modifying the subfield to show that the resource is no longer available, indicating the last date that the resource was searched. If explicit information is received regarding the disappearance of the resource (e.g., a communication with the publisher), record this information in \$z as well as the date the resource ceased, and optionally reflect this date elsewhere in the record (e.g., 260\$c, 008).³

original record

856 41 \$u <http://www.example.com>

revised record

856 41 \$z Electronic address (<http://www.example.com>)
not available when searched on [date]

¹*LC catalogers only*: do **not** apply these procedures in the following situations (but do notify the Cataloging Policy and Support Office):

1) the record represents a resource from a Library of Congress domain (e.g., lcweb.loc.gov, www.loc.gov), or,

2) another 856 field in the record indicates that LC has archived the resource, or,

3) LC has a paid subscription to the resource.

² Do not base the decision that a resource no longer exists on a single search. Given that servers can “go down” for various unavoidable reasons, use caution to assure that the decision is based on multiple discovery attempts on different days.

³*LC catalogers only*: suppress the bibliographic record from the LC OPAC.

Original URI still active, but original resource no longer available

If the resource located at that URI represents a completely different resource from that described in the record (i.e., not just a new iteration of the resource), treat the existing bibliographic record as above and create a record for the new resource now at the original URI (if appropriate for adding to the catalog).